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Filing Date	November 21, 1997
First Named Inventor	Hofmann, et al.
Group Art Unit	1648
Examiner Name	Salimini, A.
Attorney Docket Number	19424PC

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
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 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____

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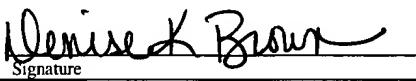
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Applicants: Hofmann *et al.*

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

This amendment is submitted to amend the claims after receiving a Notice of Allowance, mailed July 30, 2004, in the above-identified application, having a three-month period for response set to expire October 30, 2004. Applicants note that the issue fee has not been paid and respectfully request that prosecution of the above-referenced case be reopened. Applicants also respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is transmitted herewith.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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